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***Memorandum***

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

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RE: 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a comprehensive listing of all Bay Area surface transportation projects that are to receive federal funding or are subject to a federally required action, or are considered regionally significant for air quality conformity purposes.

MTC is required to prepare and adopt an updated TIP every two years. The 2007 TIP was adopted by the Commission on July 26, 2006, and approved by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on October 2, 2006. The current 2007 TIP is only valid through October 1, 2008; therefore, in accords with federal programming requirements, MTC is in the process of developing the 2009 TIP, which is the subject of this conformity analysis.

The 2009 TIP addresses the new SAFETEA requirements, and covers four years of programming starting with fiscal years 2008-09 through 2011-12. The 2009 TIP includes most of the 2007 TIP projects and an additional seven new projects. The new projects are Contra Costa County projects that are not regionally significant; and of the seven, five are exempt from air quality conformity and the other two are non-exempt, non-regionally significant projects. The list of new projects to be amended into the 2009 TIP is contained in Attachment A (specific funding sources are identified in the TIP itself).

Furthermore, all projects to be included in the 2009 TIP are consistent with the Transportation 2030 Plan and meet all the financial constraint requirements.